

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
EASTERN DIVISION

IN RE: NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION OPIATE MDL 2804
LITIGATION

This document relates to:

CASE NO.: 1:17-md-02804

Sarasota County Public Hospital District d/b/a
Sarasota Memorial Health Care System, Inc. v.
Purdue Pharma L.P., et. al.
Case No. 1:18-op-46136-DAP

JUDGE DAN AARON POLSTER

**SARASOTA COUNTY PUBLIC HOSPITAL
DISTRICT'S JOINDER IN RESPONSE OF
CERTAIN HOSPITALS IN OPPOSITION
TO THE PEC'S AMENDED MOTION FOR
ENTRY OF ORDER ESTABLISHING
COMMON BENEFIT FUND**

Plaintiff, Sarasota County Public Hospital District d/b/a Sarasota Memorial Health Care System, Inc., by and through the undersigned counsel, hereby submits the following Joinder in the Response of Certain Hospitals in Opposition to the PEC's Amended Motion for Entry of Order Establishing Common Benefit Fund filed February 28, 2020 (Dkt. No. 3197). Sarasota County Public Hospital District incorporates and adopts herein by reference the entirety of said Response and further states:

Sarasota County Public Hospital District ("the District") is a unique governmental entity. The District is a subdivision of the State of Florida and an independent special district created and operating under the authority of Chapter 2003-359, Laws of Florida. The District is governed by the Sarasota County Public Hospital Board. The District owns and operates Sarasota Memorial Health Care System d/b/a Sarasota Memorial Hospital.

The District has specific interests and individualized damages which require specialized representation. The Plaintiffs' Executive Committee has failed to address the needs of certain unique

public entities such as the District and any award of attorney fees from a common benefit fund is premature, overbroad and fails to allocate recovery to governmental entities such as the District.

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